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1. At about 4 p.m. on 2 August 1953, a military transport train as described below was observed at the Lysa nad Labem (O 51/G 00) stations:

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- b. Twelve four-axled flatcars loaded with AFV's which were covered with tarpaulins. The length of the AFV's was between four and four-and-one-half meters and their height was two-and-one-half meters. No details could be observed, except that on the side of each AFV there appeared to be a large container with a cylindrical shape.
- c. One four-axle flatcar with a large AFV five-and-one-half meters long and two-and-one-half meters high, covered with a tarpaulin. The barrel of the gun protruded from the cover and was approximately three meters long, with a smooth surface, a diameter of about 30 cm. at both ends, and no muzzle brake. The turret was very low.
- d. One four-axle flatcar with one AFV, probably a Stalin tank. It was also covered by a tarpaulin, but part of the gun, hull and tracks could be observed. The track was 30 cm. wide and the clearance of the hull was 50 cm. The length of the vehicle was over five meters and its height was about two-and-one-half meters. The gun barrel was about three meters long and it had a pear-shaped muzzle brake with a cover over it.
- e. One second class coach carrying officers and two third class coaches carrying enlisted men. The latter were of an average age of 21 to 23 years and were dressed in khaki uniforms with black tabs. Their number could not be estimated.
- f. Five four-axle flatcars with small tracked vehicles similar to carriers (sic). there were 10 of these vehicles; all were covered with tarpaulins.

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- g. Nine small flatcars loaded with nine $3\frac{1}{2}$ -ton Praga trucks camouflaged with branches and nets.
2. The train was guarded at the station by two sentries armed with sub-machine guns. It left the Lysa nad Labem station at about 4:15 p.m., going in the direction of Pardubice.
 3. At about 5 p.m. on 4 August, two flatcars loaded with two T-34 tanks were observed on a railroad siding at the Prague-Liben station. They were identified as T-34's by the five large Christie-type bogie wheels and guns without muzzle brakes. Both of these AFV's looked new and were painted a light khaki color.

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